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2015 Ocean Salmon Fishery Information

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Salmon Informational Meeting
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- All Guidance Preliminary; final at March Council Meeting

Indicator Stock	NOAA Guidance
Sacramento River fall Chinook	195,596 hatchery and natural area adult spawners
Klamath River fall Chinook	40,700 natural area adult spawners

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Stocks

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

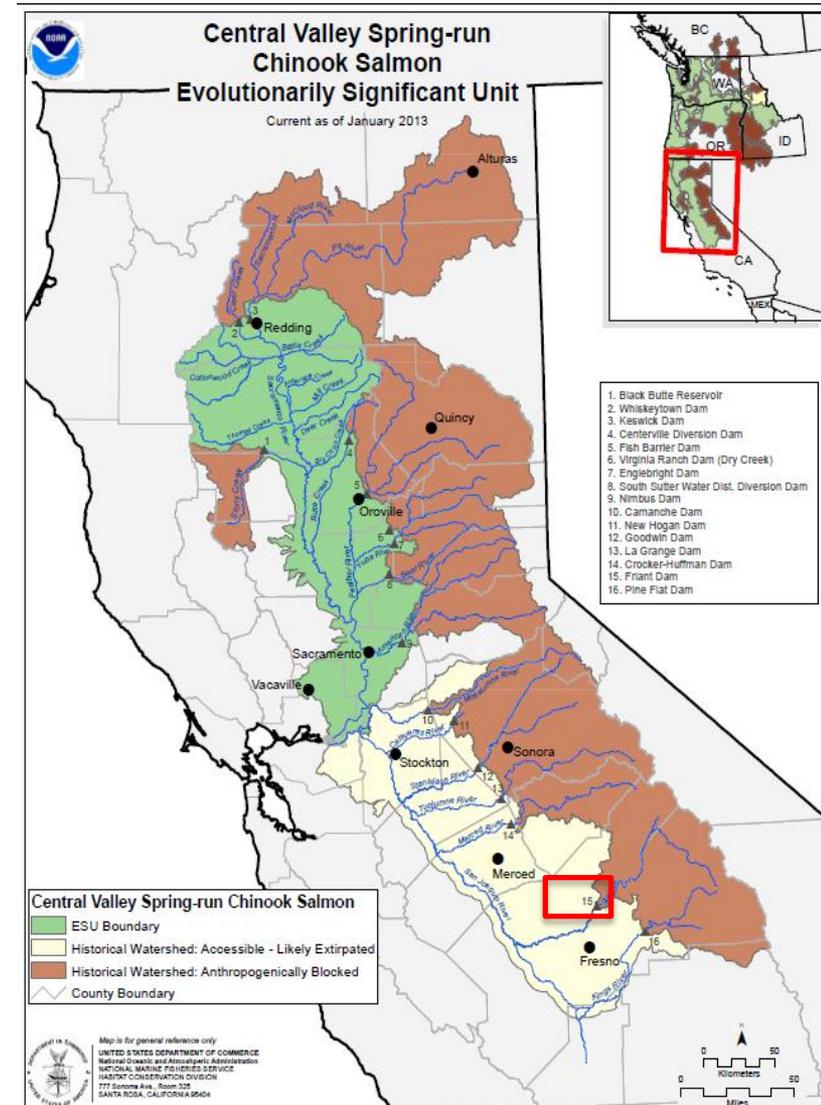
- ESA – Endangered
- Recovery plan released July 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Guidance for 2015:
 - Continuation of consultation standards on minimum size limits and seasonal windows
 - Circle hook restrictions while mooching in the recreational fishery between Horse Mountain and Point Conception
 - Impact rate cap for 2015 = **19.0 %**

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- NMFS issued a Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on January 23, 2014 (79 FR 3783)
- NMFS will not be reconsidering the control rule prior to 2015 fisheries
- New information has come forward, particularly with regard to CA drought and ocean conditions
- NMFS review and consideration of winter Chinook ocean fishery management is a work in progress

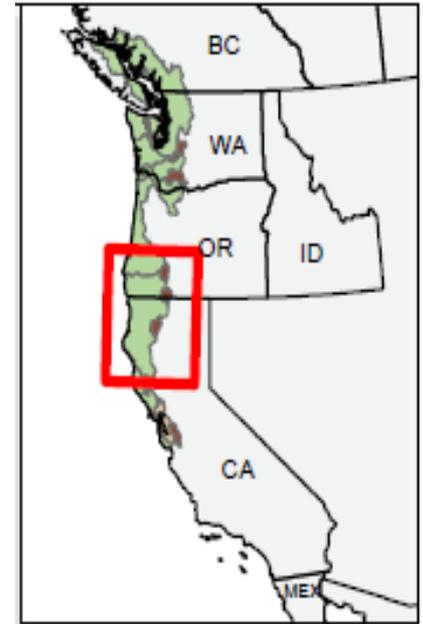
Central Valley Spring Chinook Salmon

- ESA-threatened
- Recovery plan released July 2014 (79 FR 42504)



Coho Salmon

- Prohibit coho-directed fisheries off CA;
- Prohibit coho retention in Chinook-directed fisheries off CA
- Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho
 - ESA – Threatened
 - Recovery plan released September 2014 (79 FR 58750) – **Next Steps**: workshops to develop implementation plan
- Central California Coastal Coho
 - ESA – Endangered
 - Final recovery plan released 2012



Thank You

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